[MR. CHAIRMAN (SRI D. M. SIDDAIAH) in the Chair]

Calling attention to a Matter of Urgent Public Importance *re* : difficulties experienced by workers in the twin houses at Mahalakshmipuram Extension, Bangalore.

SRI M. H. JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN (Sirsi).—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Transport to the difficulties experienced by the workers residing in the twin houses at Mahalakshmipuram Extension, Bangalore.

† K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for law, Labour and Parliamentary Affairs).—Sir, on behalf of the Minister for Transport I wish to make the following statement :

84 twin houses *i. e.* 168 houses have been constructed under the subsidised Industrial Housing scheme for Industrial workers at Mahalakshmipuram extension at Bangalore at a cost of Rs. 8,96,448. The cost per house works out to Rs. 5,336. All the houses have been allotted to the Industrial workers serving in various factories on rental basis. The houses are under occupation since July 1968. The rent per house is fixed at Rs. 32 per month in accordance with the Mysore Housing Board Rules 1964. The rent is considered to be reasonable. It has been represented that these houses are in a dilapidated condition and that there is every danger some of the houses collapsing at any time in the rainy season. This representation is not correct. Due to continuous rains for about 15 to 20 days in 1959, there was dampness in some of the houses and there was slight 'leakage' in some houses. After those defects were noticed, action has been taken by the Housing Board to get them rectified. There was a little delay in getting the defects set right as it required some time for notices to be issued to the contractors and for them to undertake errection of the works. There is no danger to life and property of the occupants.

Some of the occupants of the houses have in fact, submitted memoranda to Government for allotment of these houses on hire purchase system. If the houses were in a delapidated condition these allottees might not have desired to have these houses on hire-purchase system and to acquire ownership over the houses.

As these houses were constructed for allotment on rental basis, the allottees have been continued on rental basis only. There is great demand for allotment of these houses on rental basis from other workers.

SRI M. H. JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN.—The Hon. Minister stated that the representation made by the member is not correct. ಮಳೆಗಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಗೋಡೆ ಬದ್ದು ಕೆಲವು ಮನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ರೇಡಿಯೋ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಸಾಮಾನುಗಳು ಒಡೆದು ಹೋದವು ನಿಜವೇ ? ಇದರ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೌಸಿಂಗ್ ಬೋರ್ಡಿನವರು ರಿಪೇರಿಗಾಗಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕ ರೀತಿಯುಳ್ಳ

(SRI M. H. JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN)

ಎಸ್ಟಿಮೇಟ್ ಮಾಡಿರಲಿಲ್ಲವೇ ? ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಮನೆಗಳು ಡಿಲಾಪಿಡೇಟೆಡ್ ಕಂಡೀಷನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದೆ ಎಂದು ಕನ್ನಡ ಪ್ರಭ ಮತ್ತು ಇಂಡಿಯನ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ರೆಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗಿದ್ದ ನಷ್ಟವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿ ಸರಕಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ, ಹೌಸಿಂಗ್ ಬೋರ್ಡಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಬರೆದಿರಲಿಲ್ಲವೇ ! ಕುಂದುಕೊರತೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಿವಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Perhaps it all depends upon what meaning the hon. Member attaches to the words 'dilapidated condition.' As far as my information goes, no wall had collapsed. I have already made it very clear in my statement that there was dampness and leakage and that had been set right.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಚ್. ಜಯಪ್ರಕಾಶ ನಾರಾಯಣ್.—ಇಂಡಿಯನ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ರೆಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕನ್ನಡ ಪ್ರಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗಿರತಕ್ಕ ನಷ್ಟಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಲೇಖನಗಳು ಬರೆದಿದ್ದು ಸರಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಈ ವಿಚಾರ ಸರಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ.

Police atrocities in Shimoga

Sri G. CHANDRAKANT (Bidar).—Sir, I have to represent a very important matter. I have received a telegram from Shimoga with regard to the police atrocities committed against two Municipal Councillors. When a crowd of people went to the police station, a lathi charge was made on them aud firing was also resorted to.

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—I request the hon. Member to give written notice and it will be taken up the next day.

Sri G. CHANDRAKANT.—Sir, this is a very urgent and important matter, and therefore I request that immediate action may be taken to put a stop to tho police atrocities.

(*The hon. Member passed on the telegram to the Chairman*)

Steel Quota—Misuse of

† ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎನ್. ನಂಜೇಗೌಡ (ಅರಕಲಗೂಡು).—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ನಾನು ರೂಲ್ 293ನೇ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಒಂದು ನೋಟೀಸನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣ ನೀಡಬೇಕು. 25ನೇ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆ ಬೇಡಿಕೆಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಚರ್ಚೆ ಮಾಡಿದಂಥ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ನನ್ನ ಗ್ರಹಚಾರ ವಶಾತ್ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಶಿವಪ್ಪನವರು ಇರಲಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri K. H. PATIL.—It is a personal explanation. He could give it later.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎನ್. ನಂಜೇಗೌಡ.—ನಾನು ಮಾತನಾಡಿದಂಥ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಶಿವಪ್ಪನವರು ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಾಗಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ ಅವರು ರಿಕಾರ್ಡ್‌ನ್ನು ನರಿಯಾಗಿ ನೋಡಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಅದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದ್ದರೆ ಅವರು ಆ ಮಾತನ್ನು ನನ್ನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಇರಲಿಲ್ಲ. It is a mischievous allegation, I want to challenge that ಎಂದು ಅವರು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಯಾವಾಗಲೂ